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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending before this amendment. By the present amendment, claims 1-8 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 stand objected to under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 as being indefinite. In response, the applicants have amended claims 1, 2, and 5 to further clarify aspects of the present invention in accordance with the examiner's suggestions. Further, the applicants respectfully submit that the phrase "moved in a layer 2 (or 3)" is not vague and sufficiently describes the limitations of the present invention. Specifically, the applicants submit that when a mobile node (MN) moves in a layer 2 or layer 3, it means that the MN is transitioning from one access point (AP) to another AP in the case of layer 2 and from one access router (AR) to another AR in the case of layer 3. The terms "layer 2" and "layer 3" correspond to layers of the OSI model commonly known in the art.

Layer 2 represents a data link layer while layer 3 represents a network layer. When a MN transitions from one AP to a new AP, the MN is considered to be moving within layer 2 of the OSI model. That is, layer 2 of the OSI model corresponds to an AP level in a wireless environment. Likewise, when a MN moves from an AR to a new AR, the MN is considered to be moving within layer 3 of the OSI model. That is, layer 3 of the OSI model corresponds to an AR level in a wireless environment.

Therefore, since the present invention deals with movement of a MN from one AP to a new AP and from an AR to a new AR, the applicants respectfully submit that reciting that the MN moves "in a layer 2 (or 3)" sufficiently describes how the MN is

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